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THE ANNUAL REPORT.

SOME OF THE FIGURES THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN MEETING.

How The Money Was Expended—The Streets Macadamized During the Past Year.

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Township Treasurer Seibert has received from the Collector during the year \$58,224.77, which he has disbursed as follows: Contingent account, \$8,209.36; stone-road construction, \$9,000; dirt-road repairs, \$3,245.24; stone-road repairs, \$2,065.31; poor, \$4,349.02; public grounds, \$491.16; crosswalks, \$488.71; street-lighting, \$6,224.59; sidewalk grading—district No. 2, \$659.63; district No. 3, \$1,482.49; district No. 4, \$172.14; police, \$1,033.25; water contract, \$5,840; fire purposes, \$3,070.31; removing New York Avenue obstruction, \$2,800; sidewalk construction, \$6,788.29; stone gutter construction, \$520.50; firing salutes, \$80; maps and surveys, \$684; special grade map, \$1,131.50; balance in bank, \$36.17.

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The following amounts of macadam road have been put down during the year: Ridgewood Avenue, 2,000 feet (4-inch); Washington Street, 789½ feet (6-inch); upper Broad Street, 2,508 feet (4-inch); Park Avenue, 1,300 feet (8-inch); Walsessing Avenue, 700 feet (6-inch); Liberty Street, 500 feet (8-inch); Franklin Street, 397 feet (6-inch); Montgomery Street, 1,610 feet (8-inch); Belmont Avenue, 166 feet (8-inch).

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The \$2,000 appropriated last year for dirt-road repairs was expended on a large number of streets in every section of the town. On dirt roads proper \$1,793 was expended. For special work on Osborne Street, Berkeley Place, and Bellevue Avenue \$1,428.33 was spent.

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The total amount of new flag sidewalk put down during the year is 8,842½ lineal feet, making a total of 9,970 feet, costing \$9,665.65.

The general expenses of the Fire Department during the year have been \$54.66. In the separate expense accounts of the several companies, Essex Hook and Ladder ranks lowest with a total of \$477.80; Phoenix Hose, \$587.80; Active Hose, \$590.85; Excelsior Hose, \$628.20.

Forty new gas lamps were added to the system during the year, making a total of 562 now in use.

Four new hydrants were erected last year, making a total of 134.

Second Ward Republican Club.

The special meeting of the Second Ward Republican Club on Tuesday evening was well attended and pronounced a great success by all present. The club engaged William A. Baldwin, for Town Committee-man-at-Large and George Fisher for Township Committeeman; Thomas Rawson, Jr., for Poormaster; William L. Johnson for Township Clerk, and Lewis M. Collins for Constable. A list of names was adopted to present at the primary meeting for delegates to the convention. Candidates for the Executive Committee were also named.

After the business had been transacted speeches were in order. Assemblyman Stuber was present and made a short address. Chairman Gilbert of the Town Ship Committee also spoke on the good prospects of the club. Judge Post was in the form and made one of his famous speeches.

C. E. McDowell said he would become a member of the club, but he was about to move into the First Ward. George Fisher, the candidate for Township Committee, also made a few remarks. Among the other speakers were Samuel G. Hayter, S. Morris Hullin, and John Becker, Jr.

After refreshments had been served and cigars lighted, President William E. Eastman amused the large audience with several songs. The club gave an exhibition drill. Altogether the meeting was a great success. The regular meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday evening.

Could Not Find Her Home.

A middle-aged German woman entered J. P. Scherff's drug-store on Sunday morning and said she had left her place of service earlier in the day to attend church, but was unable to find her way back to her employer's residence. An effort was made to locate her home, but she had become so bewildered it was an impossibility. Dr. Scherff kindly secured quarters for her at the American House until Monday, when she was given money and sent to the employment agency from which she originally came.

Extra Trains to be Added.

To meet the anticipated increase in spring and summer travel the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, it is said, contemplate putting additional trains on the Bloomfield Branch. The new plan, it is said, contemplates reducing the number of coaches to five on each train.

Misses' and Children's Patent Leather Shoes, cloth tops, at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

THE TOWN MEETING.

Bloomfield's Taxpayers Will Get Together on Monday Night.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday night in Dodd's Hall, Glenwood Avenue. It gives promise of being a very interesting affair. There may be those living in the town who have never attended one of these gatherings, where the sovereignty of the American citizen is so fully exemplified. If there be such among us they should attend on Monday night if it is only for a study in politics. The principal topics that will come up for discussion will be roads, Fire Department expenses, and special appropriations.

The Town Committee this year has recommended \$25,000 for road work. That is an unprecedented sum for such work in this town, but the Committee is of the opinion that such a sum can be voted without any material increase in the tax rate. The suggestion finds a number of supporters, who will probably urge its adoption in preference to bonding.

Bonding the town for road purposes has been for years a favorite theme with many people, and each year has shown a perceptible increase in the number who favor such a scheme. Arguments pro and con will undoubtedly be advanced on Monday night.

The voting of an appropriation for fire purposes will perhaps lead to a discussion. The firemen look to Mr. Rayner to advocate a large appropriation. Money is said to be needed for new hose. Public sentiment at present seems to be against large appropriations.

Glen Ridge Library.

In vain did our friends search the columns of the Bloomfield papers for a report of the "book reception" last week, but we hasten in this issue to assure the public that it was a grand success, owing to their own efforts in so heartily responding to the invitations. The night of the reception was inclement, thereby deterring many from attending, but they have since shown their good will by giving solid testimonials in the way of books to the library. Seventy-eight new volumes were entered on that evening, and seventy dollars from two gentlemen in Glen Ridge were placed in the hands of the Treasurer. A large purchase of the latest works in history, biography, science and fiction, by the best authors, makes our catalogue most attractive, and we hope shortly to have it in print, so that our subscribers by paying the small sum of five cents, may possess one which will aid them in their selection of books.

The whole number of volumes now on the shelves is five hundred and thirty. We trust that our Bloomfield neighbors will not consider us so far distant that they cannot enroll themselves upon the list of subscribers. This may be done by calling at the Old Homestead, in which the library has temporary quarters, on Tuesday of each week, between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, or by addressing either the Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph D. Gallagher, or Miss Henrietta Northall. The annual subscription fee is \$2.50.

An Early Morning Fire.

An alarm was struck from box 36 at three o'clock last Saturday morning. A building owned by the Hall Estate and occupied by A. P. Campbell as a carpenter-shop was discovered to be on fire in the second story. The department quickly responded, and after an hour's hard work had the flames under control. A number of horses and cows were taken from the rear of the burning building. A second alarm was sounded at 5:30 A. M., the same building being on fire. The firemen with their usual promptness soon extinguished the blaze. The fire was no doubt the work of an incendiary. A resident next door says he heard a man wheeling a barrow stop there for a few minutes. The firemen claim they put the first fire entirely out, and that it was set on fire the second time. Damage to the building \$2,000; insured for \$850. Campbell had \$300 insurance on his stock, and he has settled with the company for \$99.

Robert E. Hughes Dead.

Robert Emmett Hughes, son of Mrs. Annie Hughes, a well-known and popular young man about town, died at the residence of his brother, W. V. Hughes, No. 265 Berkeley Avenue, on Sunday morning last, of paralysis, at the age of twenty-seven years. Deceased was ill eight weeks. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning from his late home, thence to the Church of the Sacred Heart, where a solemn high mass of requiem was sung for the repose of his soul. Interment was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mischellaneous Schoolboys.

Complaints have been made to Justice Post by pedestrians who have occasion to pass along Broad Street of being stoned by schoolboys. The Justice has notified Principal Dunbar.

FOR YOUNG MEN.

WHAT MR. R. W. GARDNER IS DOING FOR THEIR PLEASURE.

Young Ladies Have Also Been Thought Of—The Bowling Alleys the Best That Can be Built—A Description of the Building.

According to the testimony of those who are experienced in matters pertaining to bowling alleys, Bloomfield is to have one of the most complete systems to be found anywhere in this country. These model alleys are in R. W. Gardner's new building on Bloomfield Avenue. Montgomery, the expert alley builder, who is doing the work, says it is the finest system he has ever built, and he has constructed a great many. "It is," Mr. Montgomery says, "the ideal system. The pins, balls and other paraphernalia used in operating the alleys are made of the very finest material and the best skill employed in their manufacture." The articles in question have been on exhibition in a prominent store on Broad Street, Newark, where they have excited the admiration of all lovers of the exhilarating sport of bowling.

Mr. Gardner's object in erecting the building on Bloomfield Avenue is to furnish the people of this town, ladies and children included, a pleasant and cheerful place of recreation. No expense has been spared in the endeavor to accomplish this object.

The interior of the building presents a light and cheerful appearance. It is finished with stained yellow pine, and has an abundance of windows for admitting daylight, and at night will be illuminated by ninety-three gas jets supplied from a Springfield gas machine, many of which machines are in use in this town.

The pool and billiard room and bowling alleys are on the ground floor. The alleys are four in number and rest on forty-six brick piers to insure solidity and keep them perfectly true, which is an essential feature in a good alley. An improper foundation is a defect in many alleys, and one which Mr. Gardner has taken every precaution to guard against.

The alley room has an arched ceiling, eighteen feet in the clear from the floor to the center of the arch. Ten drops of four jets each will supply light. The reflectors will be adjusted so as to concentrate the light on the pins at the rear of the room. That arrangement prevents the glare of the lights annoying either the bowlers or spectators.

The alleys are ninety feet in length, ten of which is reserved for the bowlers' starting run, and five for the terminal pit, and the balance of seventy-five feet for the ball to bowl along. The flooring of the starting place and the pit is of maple wood; the balance of yellow pine.

All the latest improvements have been adopted in the construction of the alleys. The Newell posts and railings are of handsome design and elaborate finish. The alleys are divided in pairs, two on each side of the building. A gangway five feet wide the full length of the alley runs between them, and may be used by the more excited of the spectators.

The ladies will be pleased to hear that they have been the object of special consideration in the equipment of the alleys. The balls commonly in use at all bowling alleys contain only two holes for the grip of the players' fingers. Many ladies after bowling awhile complain of sore fingers. To obviate this defect Mr. Gardner has had a number of small balls turned with three holes, so that they allow for the use of the thumb in grasping them. It is thought that the improvement will render bowling more comfortable for ladies. There is a cosy balcony on the second floor which will seat about forty persons. It overlooks the bowling alleys.

The main room on the second floor will be used as a refectory where players or spectators can procure ice cream and other refreshments; possibly a soda fountain will be put in.

Messrs. Gardner and Cook, electricians, will have an office on the second floor. A telegraphic instrument will be put in the office. A neat little photograph gallery will also be fitted up in one of the attic rooms. A competent man will be put in charge of the building, and it will be his duty to cater to the comfort and enjoyment of visitors, and also to preserve order.

The schedule of rates will be ten cents a game for each bowler. Special terms will be made with clubs. Fifty cents an hour will be charged for the billiard table, and five cents a cue at the pool table.

Much attention has been paid to lighting, heating and ventilating the building, so as to make it a popular resort both in summer and winter.

There is still a great deal to do yet to complete the building. A concrete walk similar to that in front of the Post-office is to be put down, gas and water fixtures to be put in, and toilet, cloak and hat rooms to be fitted up.

Nearly ten thousand dollars will have been expended on the building when it is completed. This is a large sum of money to lay out in an enterprise of this kind. Mr. Gardner, it is well known, has been inspired by a philanthropic motive in what he has done. Young people, and particularly young men, will seek enjoyment. The class of the enjoyment which they indulge in chiefly is bowling, billiards and pool. The saloons are at present about the only places in town that afford such amusement. To furnish a place of amusement free from saloon influences has been the motive that has induced Mr. Gardner to carry out his present project. Whether it will be a success or not will depend on how much the people of the town appreciate the effort that has been put forth. Every parent in the town ought to be interested in the success of the enterprise. Not so much in mere well wishes as in frequent personal attendance at the place.

Mr. Gardner's experiment will be watched with interest from a moral point of view. If the project succeeds in counteracting the attractiveness of the saloon among the young men, it will prove a great public benefaction. All right-minded people should be interested in assisting to accomplish such a result.

Batters' Difficulties.

The journeyman batters of Watsessing are engaged in a desperate struggle for existence. For years they have been strenuously resisting an attempt to crush them down to the level of the poorest classes of Europe, such as Hungarians, Poles, and Belgian women. Fate has been against them, and their earnings have steadily retrograded until now they earn only a bare pittance. In the face of this deplorable condition of affairs the poor men are free to face with another proposed cut-down in wages. Earning but little in the past, the men are without resources to make a fight against the grinding-down process. The greatest sympathy is felt for the men and for their families. The causes that have led to the bad state of affairs in the Bloomfield district are matters beyond the control of the local employers, who are said, sincerely regret being forced into the position that they take. Close competition and the centralizing of manufacturing has brought it about.

Celebrating a Birthday.

About forty guests assembled in the parlors of the Bloomfield Hotel last Tuesday evening, the occasion being the thirty-seventh birthday of Mrs. Arthur Leuthausser. An orchestra from Newark furnished the music for dancing, while the Continental Quartette rendered some particularly fine songs. Many handsome and valuable presents were received by Mrs. Leuthausser. Among those who congratulated Mrs. Leuthausser were Mrs. Schleif, the Misses Amelia and Penie Schleif, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mack, Miss Maggie Chalois, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schleif, and Miss Lillie Mack.

Set the Bulldogs Fighting.

James Dodd of Montclair, accompanied by another man and a vicious bulldog, visited this place last Sunday, and in the rear of Dennis Noreen's residence on Bloomfield Avenue noticed another bulldog to a coop. Dodd took his canine into Noreen's yard and started the two animals fighting. Noreen ordered the men away, but they refused to go. An officer was sent for, but before his arrival Dodd and his companion had skipped. Justice Post issued a warrant for Dodd's arrest, but he had left town.

Knights of Pythias Field Day.

A correspondent has gone to some little trouble to figure out the amount of money that would probably be spent in town should the Knights of Pythias field day be held here. Following are some of the items from the list: 25,000 cigars at five cents each, \$1,250; 50,000 glasses of soda water, ginger ale, etc., \$2,500; fruit and confectionery, \$250; cake, pies, and sandwiches, \$1,500; miscellaneous, \$500, making a total of \$6,000.

Montclair Appropriations.

The Montclair Township Committee has made the following recommendations to be voted on at the annual meeting next Tuesday evening: Road construction, \$15,000; road repairs, \$1,000; incidentals, \$6,000; police \$3,500; poor, \$3,500; fire, \$2,500; Health Board, \$300. A special appropriation of \$4,000 for a fire-alarm system is recommended by the Committee.

An Italian Tea.

The ladies of the Unitarian Church, Orange, will give an "Italian Tea," with a lecture on the subject of Italy by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hale, for the benefit of the Orange Free Library, in the latter part of April.

Tennis Shoes at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH.

Memorial Windows and Other Gifts Presented—A Concert to be Given—To be Formally Opened on the 10th Inst.

A large and handsome window, in memory of Julia, the daughter of G. Lee Stout, will be placed in the new Westminster Presbyterian Church. Miss Stout died in September last, at the age of seventeen years, and the window is a gift to the church by her father. The window shows the figure of a young girl clad in a long, light, flowing robe and looking upward with outstretched arms to a jeweled cross above. Behind the figure of the girl is a landscape illuminated with a sunset glow from beyond the distant mountains, graduating upward toward the top of the window, until it throws a brilliant light on the shining jewels of the cross. The architectural work on the window is Romanesque in style. The window arrived on Wednesday, but was too small for the frame, and had to be taken back for alteration.

Other memorial windows put in the new church are one in memory of Mrs. Dr. Duncan Kennedy, wife of the first pastor of Westminster Church, presented by the members of the congregation; one in memory of the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Duffield, the second pastor of the church, presented by Mrs. Duffield; one in memory of Mrs. Jason Crane, and one in memory of Miss Laura Crane, presented by Mr. Crane and family.

On Thursday the new church was the recipient of a valuable present from Mrs. Jarvie and family, consisting of a handsome and complete set of pulpit furniture. It is of oak, beautifully finished.

The new organ is undergoing the process of tuning. The carpet has been put down in the auditorium and the seats have been arranged.

The finishing touches are rapidly being put to the new church, and the people expect to begin worshipping in it on April 10th. The rental of pews will take place next week, when the Treasurer of the church will be on hand every evening. The organ is built and tuned. It will be opened by a rehearsal on Wednesday evening. Admission by tickets, which can be purchased from any of the gentlemen of the church. No tickets will be sold beyond the seating capacity of the church. Messrs. Frank Taft of New York and Egbert Pinney of Montclair will be the organists at the concert.

Mr. Louis E. Bliss will assist with the cornet, as well as the Brooklyn Hill Male Quartette with vocal music. The first services in the new church will be held on April 10th. Monday April 11th, a Fraternal Meeting will be held at which the pastors of the village will make addresses. Tuesday evening at 8 the church will be dedicated. Rev. Dr. Hollifield of Newark will preach the sermon. Wednesday will be Reunion Day, Thursday a day of prayer and Friday Sunday-school and Young People's Day. Dr. A. F. Schaeffer of New York has promised to address the young people on Friday evening.

He Was Too Playful.

Martin Barnes, a colored man in the employ of M. G. Belloni of Clark Street, was in a rather playful mood last Friday evening and knocked the hat from the head of a young man from Montclair. The latter was not feeling so hilarious and allowed his hand to dally with Martin's "mug," as one of the bystanders termed it, and the result was rather disastrous to Martin, as he fell over a chair, breaking his right leg. A young man volunteered to set the injured member, but Martin's cries aroused the sympathies of those present and they made him desist. The injured man was then taken to the Mountside Hospital.

Epworth League Sociable.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given by the Epworth League at the Park M. E. Church on Monday. The features of the evening were the singing by Miss J. Estelle Lockwood, the readings by the Misses Galloway and Cadmus and the piano solos by Miss Florence Rusby and Harry Decker. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Death of Mrs. Arthur.

Mrs. Eugenie Arthur, wife of James Arthur of Montgomery, died at her home on Sunday of peritonitis after only two days' illness, at the age of thirty-seven years. She leaves five children. Funeral services were conducted at her late residence by the Rev. Dr. Seibert on Tuesday afternoon. Interment in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Death of David Roach.

David Roach, an old resident of Bloomfield, died at his home on Morris Canal Avenue, near Franklin Avenue, on Thursday evening at 10:30, after a long illness, aged sixty years. Three children survive him, one son and two daughters.

Bitten by a Dog.

Edward Hoppeck, an employee of T. Hallinan of Broad Street, had his left hand badly bitten by a dog belonging to a Newark baker on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Van Gleason cauterized the injured member.

Our Continent.

There was a large audience at the Baptist Church on Thursday evening to listen to the lecture of the Rev. Halsey Moore, D. D. on "Our Continent as a Field for Christian Endeavor." The lecture was illustrated by splendid stereoscopic views, which presented such an array of facts concerning the needs of our country as must have deeply impressed all who were present. By a series of maps thrown upon the screen the marvelous growth of the country was shown from the old Colonial days to the present time. A speedy trip was taken to Alaska, and the lecturer reminded the audience that so vast is the American republic that when the sun is setting upon the shores of Alaska it is one hour high in Maine.

Mexico was next visited and the needs of that country as a field for Christian work strikingly illustrated. Here the Baptist Home Mission Society has begun work with most encouraging results. The dangers that threaten this land in Mormonism, the tide of foreign immigration, and in the negro problem were all pointed out and the different methods of meeting these dangers by the Gospel shown. A striking contrast was shown in several instances between the early efforts of the Home Mission Society and the results as they are today. A picture of the building of the First Baptist Church, Denver, Col., as it was in 1868, was fittingly described as the dugout chapel. Immediately afterwards the magnificent structure which is the present place of worship was shown. The building is one of the finest in the country, and the church one of the strongest, having a membership of over 1,200 and carrying on a work the influence of which is felt all over the west.

Dr. Moore is a most entertaining lecturer, and every feeling of genuine patriotism and religious enthusiasm is stirred under the spell of his eloquence. The lecture ought to bear much fruit in contributions to the work it described.

Political Notes.

A member of the Republican County Committee will be elected at the convention next Friday night.

Don't forget the meeting of the Board of Registry next Thursday afternoon. See that your name is on the registry list if you wish to vote.

The Second Ward has two candidates for constable for the Republican Convention to choose from. They are Lewis M. Collins and Peter Fornoff, Jr.

James Robb of Broad Street is a candidate for the nomination for Justice of the Peace, in place of James M. Walker of the Second Ward who failed to qualify.

It is said that there will be but one name mentioned at the Republican Convention next week for the office of Township Clerk, and that is William L. Johnson.

Charles H. Johnson's friends are enthusiastic for his nomination for Republican Committeeman from the First Ward. They claim he would poll a large Democratic vote also.

A number of Frank G. Tower's friends would like to see him receive the Democratic nomination for Town Clerk. He is personally popular, and it is claimed would receive a number of Republican votes.

The Republican primaries will be held next Friday evening and the Convention the following night. The Democrats will probably hold their primaries next Saturday night and their Convention on Monday evening.

It is rumored that the Republican nominations for Town Committeemen will be as follows: Committeeman-at-Large, James C. Beach; First Ward, G. Lee Stout; Second Ward, Thomas Oakes; Third Ward, A. J. Lockwood.

Charles H. Halfpenny, after two years service as Committeeman, will not again be a candidate. Mr. Halfpenny never was ambitious for political honors, and it was only at the earnest solicitations of friends that he consented to be a candidate two years ago. Mr. Halfpenny has had an eventful experience as a Committeeman.

Charles L. Seibert, after three years' service as Town Committeeman, has decided to retire and will not be a candidate for renomination. In his three years of service Mr. Seibert has devoted a great deal of his time to public business. He has held the important position of Town Treasurer, declining any remuneration for his services as such. He has systematized the accounts of the various departments of public works so that the expenditure of every cent can be traced.

A Piece of Steel in His Eye.

Edward Cogan of Walnut Street, an employee of the Blunt Manufacturing Company of Rosedale, had a piece of steel fly into his left eye last Monday. Dr. Cadec of the eye infirmary, Newark, extracted it for him.

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